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SUBJECT: APPROACH IN CAPITALS ON NAMIBIA

1. WE ARE STRUCK BY THE POSITIVE EFFECT OF THE DEMARCHES
MADE IN NEW DELHI IN SUPPORT OF THE WESTERN FIVE PROPOSALS

ON NAMIBIA. AS A RESULT OF OUR DISCUSSIONS WHICH WERE UNDERTAKEN BECAUSE OF SWAPO PRESIDENT NUJOMA'S DEPARTURE FOR INDIA JUST AFTER THE CONTACT GROUP PROPOSALS WERE HANDED OVER, WE BELIEVE WE HAVE CONSIDERABLY MORE SOLID INDIAN BACKING FOR OUR APPROACH.

2. WE ARE DISCUSSING WITH THE WESTERN FIVE CONTACT GROUP PLANS FOR TAKING OUR NAMIBIA PROPOSALS TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON OR ABOUT APRIL 10. OUR OBJECTIVE WOULD BE AT A MINIMUM TO EXPLAIN THE HISTORY OF OUR EFFORT AND ELICIT STATEMENTS BY OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS URGING THE PARTIES TO ACCEPT OUR PROPOSALS AND AGREE TO THEIR IMPLEMENTATION. OUR MAXIMUM GOAL, ASSUMING THAT NEITHER SOUTH AFRICA NOR SWAPO WILL HAVE ACCEPTED THESE PROPOSALS WITHOUT QUALIFICATION BY APRIL 10, WOULD BE TO GAIN COUNCIL APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE PROPOSALS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO SET THE STAGE FOR IMPLEMENTATION.

3. BASED ON OUR EXPERIENCE WITH NEW DELHI, DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS IT POTENTIALLY USEFUL TO STIMULATE COORDINATED APPROACHES BY WESTERN FIVE REPRESENTATIVES IN SECURITY COUNCIL CAPITALS (WITH EXCEPTION OF PRC WHERE APPROACH WOULD BE MADE IN NEW YORK) IN AN EFFORT TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR OUR OBJECTIVES WHEN THE COUNCIL MEETS. THIS WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARALLEL EFFORT BY THE FIVE WITH SC
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DELEGATIONS IN NEW YORK.

4. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE KEY TO SUCCESS IN AN EFFORT TO GET SECURITY COUNCIL ENDORSEMENT OF OUR PROPOSALS WOULD BE THE ATTITUDE OF THE AFRICANS, IN PARTICULAR THE FRONT LINE. FOLLOWING THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO LAGOS AND DISCUSSIONS HELD WITH THEM THERE THEIR SUPPORT FOR OUR EFFORT SEEMS AT AN ALL-TIME HIGH, BUT WE WOULD NEED TO BE SURE THAT THIS ATTITUDE WAS REFLECTED BY THEIR REPRESENTATIVES IN NEW YORK AND THAT THE FRONT LINE WOULD ACTIVELY SEEK AFRICA GROUP ENDORSEMENT OF AN AFFIRMATIVE ACT BY THE COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF OUR PROPOSALS. THIS PHASE OF THE LOBBYING EFFORT WOULD HAVE TO BE ACCOMPLISHED IN NEW YORK, BUT IT COULD BE COMPLEMENTED BY FAVORABLE REACTIONS FROM OTHER SC MEMBERS.

5. FOR USUN: YOU SHOULD DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF COORDINATED APPROACHES IN CAPITALS WITH THE CONTACT GROUP AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. VANCE

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